

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 2314 - SB 2300**

February 17, 2022

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Expands the offenses of child abuse, child neglect, child endangerment, aggravated child abuse, aggravated child neglect, and aggravated child endangerment to include acts of abuse, neglect, and endangerment against an unborn child. Defines an unborn child as an individual living member of the species, homo sapiens, throughout the entire embryonic and fetal stages of the unborn child from fertilization to full gestation and childbirth.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

**NOT SIGNIFICANT**

Assumptions:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-15-401, child abuse, child neglect and child endangerment is a Class A misdemeanor. The offense is enhanced to a Class D felony if the child is eight years of age or less. The offense is enhanced to a Class E felony if the abuse or neglect adversely affects the child's health and welfare and the child is eight years of age or less.
- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-15-402(b), aggravated child abuse, aggravated child neglect and aggravated child endangerment is a Class B felony. The offense is enhanced to a Class A felony if the victim is eight years of age or less, or is vulnerable because the victim is mentally defective, mentally incapacitated or suffers from a physical disability.
- There will not be a sufficient change in the number of prosecutions for state or local government to experience any significant change in revenue or expenditures.
- Any impact to the court system as a result of the proposed legislation is estimated to be not significant.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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